

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS COUNCIL OF CLARK COUNTY

MAY 8, 2006 MEETING

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Ballou at 7 p.m. Introductions were made. Those attending were: Doug Ballou, NACCC; Art Stubbs, Green Meadows; Sue Lintz, E. Minnehaha; Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell; Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Pt.; John Peloquin, CRC Health Group; Bill Norman, Green Meadows; Dave Cush, CRC Health Group; Milada Allen, Felida; Robert Godsil, Waste Connections; George Vartanian, Fairgrounds; Gloria Sommer, Andresen/St. John; Megan Hill, East Minnehaha; Alex Maynes, Pleasant Highlands; Ila Stanek, West Hazel Dell; Wendy Ganett, Neighborhood Rights Coalition; Megan Blanck-Weiss, "No on I-933", Jeanette Steinhauer, Heritage NA; Sam Kim, Greater Brush Prairie; Holly Gaya, Clark County PIO; Lee Wells; Ridgefield Junction.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Doug received a request from Sgt. Mike Cooke regarding August 1st National Night Out. Sgt. Cooke wanted to poll our group about what kind of participation and how much participation the NAs would like to do. It was decided that each neighborhood would contact Mike if they wished to participate in something put together by the Sheriff's Dept. Mike can be reached at 397-2104 or e-mail at Mike.cooke@clark.wa.gov

We have received an e-mail from Jane Van Dyke of the Columbia Springs Environmental Center letting us know that the center has meeting rooms for groups to hold functions as well as a trout hatchery, hikes, etc. for school groups. She can be reached at 882-0936.

Jeanette Steinhaber announced that Heritage Neighborhood Association is without a president. Holly asked if she would head up a meeting of the association and check the bylaws so that they can elect a new president.

JOHN PELOQUIN, CRC HEALTH GROUP

John announced that the clinic is open and serving approximately 37 patients since January. He was grateful for the formation of the community advisory board which has subsequently made a series of recommendations to the county. The county, in turn, will be investigating revising existing ordinances to encompass all treatment facility requirements. The NACCC asked that they receive quarterly reports from CRC as to how the clinic is doing and any problems associated with it. So far, there have been no problems. The statistics for those being treated at the present time are: 59% male; 41% female; 60% have jobs; 60% are being treated for prescription pain medication addiction; 10% for heroin use and prescription drug use; 30% on heroin alone. There has been no spike in crime. The clinic has capacity to treat 350 patients. They expect about 325 at peak. The clinic has put on extra security in the form of a guard in response to the advisory committee and citizen comments/concerns. The director of the clinic is Dave Cush.

MEGAN BLANCK-WEISS, NO ON I-933

Material was passed out on the upcoming possibility of I-933 getting enough signatures to be on the ballot and describing reasons why the initiative goes too far.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

In response to suggestions by NACCC members, approximately one meeting per month is scheduled to make time for members to discuss general problems, ask for help on problems, and generally share information on an informal basis.

It was decided that a handbook will be drawn up which will help new associations to have their most-asked questions answered as well as a list of contacts. Over the next few months, discussions will help outline what should be in the handbook. A committee was formed to start thinking about how the handbook should be laid out. Members of the committee are: Susan Gilbert, Bud Van Cleve, Sue Lintz, Doug Ballou, Gloria Sommer, Milada Allen, and Jeanette Steinhauer. They would like to have their first meeting in late June.

There ensued an informal discussion on various topics of interest and concern to the neighborhood leaders.

Doug reminded us that www.clarkneighborhoods.org is a good resource for citizens.

SUE LINTZ, E. MINNEHAHA – Sue announced that the Red Cross evacuated many of the residents of the Tamarack Apartment complex which partially burned. Donations are coming in to a local church for those who lost everything.

ROBERT GODSIL, WASTE CONNECTIONS

Waste Connections wants to work with the community and offers such services as clean up days. He suggested neighborhood leaders contact Waste Connections if they want to utilize their services.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gilbert, Secretary

Reviewed and Approved by Doug Ballou, May 15, 2006.